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1. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and updated the briefing given him last week on the current situation in Laos. Mr. Preston told me that he does not plan to call Chairman Mahon to alert him on this matter since the Chairman will be returning to the city early this week. I also told Mr. Preston how sorry we all are to hear about the death of his sister, [REDACTED] who was buried on Monday. As a result of the family situation, Mr. Preston will be alone in the office intermittently during the next week or so.

2. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and updated the information given him on Laos by Mr. Maury and myself last week. I also gave Mr. Slatinshek a copy of the Office of Personnel letter of 14 December to [REDACTED] of Detroit, Michigan. This case was an employment application that Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) has asked him to check on. In connection with other matters pending in his office, Mr. Slatinshek asked if I would check the status of the two ships recently seized by the Cubans, whether they were involved in [REDACTED]; and to ascertain whether there is duplication of effort between the Agency and DIA [REDACTED]. He also suggested that since Mr. Nedzi would be available this afternoon that I brief him at that time on Laos and discuss the matter of the press reports of Mr. Nedzi's statements concerning CIA and intelligence community budget.

After checking with Messrs. [REDACTED] SAVA, [REDACTED] FE/ [REDACTED], WH Division, [REDACTED] SA/DDP, and [REDACTED] f, I met with Mr. Slatinshek. I explained the [REDACTED] and the fact that there never has been any conflict between them and the Agency nor is there duplication of effort; I satisfied the question that the two ships captured by the Cubans were not involved, as far as we know, in Agency or intelligence operations [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Mr. Slatinshek was most appreciative.

Mr. Slatinshek told me that he had talked to Chairman Hebert and filled him in in cryptic fashion on the current situation in Laos. Since Mr. Nedzi was not available during the afternoon, I am to check with Mr. Slatinshek in the morning to [REDACTED] Mr. Nedzi.

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3. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him in detail on the military situation in Laos. Woodruff said that on the strength of Mr. Maury's briefing last Tuesday he advised Senators Ellender and Milton Young prior to their departure from Washington that the situation was very bad and could deteriorate completely in a matter of weeks.

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Woodruff said he had also briefed Chairman Ellender on the case. The Chairman expressed interest and compassion for [redacted] and asked Woodruff about his physical and mental condition. I have given Woodruff a rundown on this so that he can report back when the Chairman returns from his trip.

4. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and briefed him in detail on the military situation in Laos and indicated that we were anxious for Chairman Stennis to be fully informed. Braswell said he had briefed the Chairman prior to his departure to Mississippi and would be talking with him again shortly and would bring him up-to-date at that time.

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I made arrangements with Braswell for him to meet with Colonel White, [redacted] Mr. Maury and myself for lunch tomorrow.

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5. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with [redacted], WH Division, about the requests made by J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, [redacted]

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